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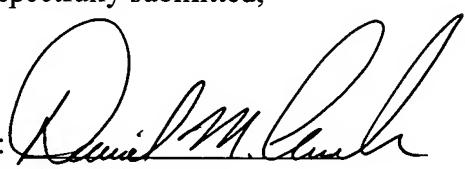
REMARKS

As filed, this continuing application contained 79 claims. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 1-24, 27, 28, and 30-41 will be pending, with claims 3, 4, 17, 18, 30, and 36 having been amended and claims 25, 26, 29, and 42-79 being canceled. These amendments add no new matter and are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. No new claims have been added. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter no longer or not yet claimed in this or a related application.

Applicants respectfully request examination, although they believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, they respectfully request an early notice to that effect. Should any issues or questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 858.350.9690 so that they may be promptly resolved without the need for an additional formal action and response thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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